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1. CANADIANS HERE TELL US M. DUPUY IS PLANNING TO VISIT WASHINGTON EARLY PART OF NEXT WEEK TO SEE UNDERSECRETARY COOPER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF NEW TEAM. DUPUY'S PURPOSE IS TO BRIEF MEMBERS OF NEW ADMINISTRATION ON CIEC MATTERS AND TO ESTABLISH GOOD WORKING RELATIONS. CANADIANS UNDERSTAND IT IS STILL EARLY FOR U.S. POSITIONS TO HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT.

2. ON ASSUMPTION THAT XCSS DATES WILL BE CONFIRMED

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FOR MARCH 3-4 (WHICH CANADIANS EXPECT TO HAPPEN), DUPUY WOULD LIKE G-8 MEETING MORNING OF MARCH 2 WITH HIGH-LEVEL XCSS PARTICIPANTS. HE IS HOWEVER WAITING FOR CONFIRMATION OF XCSS DATES BEFORE ISSUING FORMAL INVITATION.

3. CANADIANS UNDERSTAND G-19 MEETING STILL SET FOR

FEBRUARY 10-11 IN PARIS. MEETING WILL DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WHETHER G-19 MINISTERIAL MEETING SHOULD BE HELD SOMETIME THIS WINTER OR SPRING AND ALSO POSSIBLE MEANS OF COMPENSATING NON-OIL LDCS FOR DOHA PRICE INCREASES. CANADIANS UNDERSTAND PEREZ-GUERRERO IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN PARIS ON FEBRUARY 9 AND TO STAY FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. BEFORE THIS THERE IS TO BE A MEETING BETWEEN MACEACHEN AND P-G, PROBABLY FEBRUARY 7. CANADIANS HERE DID NOT KNOW PRECISELY WHERE.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE CANADIAN SOUNDINGS MENTIONED IN REFTEL, CANADIANS FOUND GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CIEC MINISTERIAL SHOULD BE HELD SOMETIME BETWEEN MID-APRIL AND END OF MAY. MOST CONSULTANTS FELT IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BE MORE PRECISE WITHOUT KNOWING TIMING OF OTHER KEY ITEMS ON SPRING AGENDA, SUCH AS ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND OECD MINISTERIAL. G-8 COUNTRIES GENERALLY FELT THAT G-8 SHOULD ARRIVE AT ADVANCE PACKAGE THAT THEY WISH TO SEE EMERGE FROM CIEC MINISTERIAL, THOUGH SOME MEMBERS LIKE THE EC MENTIONED THE NEED TO HOLD SOME CARDS IN RESERVE FOR BARGAINING PURPOSES. THE SWEDES AGREED THAT AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE SUCH A PACKAGE BUT MADE CLEAR THEY WOULD NOT THEMSELVES SETTLE FOR AGREEMENT ON A LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR BASIS.

5. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG G-8 MEMBERS THAT PRIOR TO A CONVENING OF THE COMMISSIONS THERE SHOULD BE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL PARTICIPANTS THAT AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS; THAT IS, THAT THE G-19 WOULD SCALE DOWN ITS DEMANDS AND THE G-8 BEEF UP ITS PACKAGE. GENERALLY, NO SPECIFIC IDEAS ON SUBSTANCE EMERGED FROM THE CANADIAN SOUNDINGS (THOUGH CANADIANS NOTED THAT THE POLL WAS IN FACT RELATED TO PROCEDURE RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE ANYWAY). THERE WAS A GENERAL BELIEF THAT THE G-8 HAD TO LOOK FIRST TO THE U.S. FOR LEADERSHIP AND CREATIVE IDEAS.
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